



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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The 5th Sunday after Easter May 6, 2018

Word of Truth

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!" 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Musicians: Carol Ahrens, Jeanie Hoffman, Anna Maas, Louise Mayhew
Church Elders: Burnell Nieuwenhuis, Craig Ohlmann, Dale Bernthal
Congregation Chairman: Jacob Ohlmann
Ushers: Team D: Burnell Nieuwenhuis; Dan Morrison; Mike Morrison;
Braxton Green; Ed McCleary



WELCOME visitors and members!

We are glad you are here to worship with us today. Feel free to speak with the Pastor after the service, or telephone Pastor Nolting's cell: 402-389-1383. Visitors: please sign the guest book in the entryway.

Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 96 (p. 144, *The Lutheran Hymnal*)

Pre-Service Prayer:

O LORD God, hear my prayer as I enter into Your presence this day. Be with me and bless me as I worship. Help me to grow in the grace and knowledge of Your truths, so that I might mature in my faith and become ever more faithful in my Christian life. Bless those as well who worship with me, so that we might work together to fulfill the ministry You have entrusted to us. We ask this in Jesus' saving name. Amen.

VIDEO FEED: For overflow or other reasons the church service may be viewed in the basement.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgy music: TLH p.5ff.

We Prepare to Meet Our LORD

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN THE NAME OF JESUS—
OUR MEDIATOR WITH GOD THE FATHER!**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: "*Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*"
(*The Lutheran Hymnal* 195:1-2, 4)

Invocation:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL (sing): Amen.

Our Confession of Sins & God's Absolution

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord. (Psalm 124:8)

ALL (sing): Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

ALL (sing): And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Ps.32:5)

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

ALL (sing): Amen.

We Praise Our LORD

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96:1-3

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

C: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

C: Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

C: His wonders among all peoples.

ALL: Glory be to God!

ALL (sing):

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry, praise, and bless - ing to God the ho - ly Trin - i - ty, for plant - ing and sus - tain - ing our faith in Him who sets us free,". The notes are: Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 2: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 3: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 4: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4.



Tune: TLH #316

Text: Stanza 5 of *Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren* as found in *Gemeinde Lieder*, No. 2 attributed to Königsberg 1548.

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Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Thess.3:16)

Congregation (sings): And with your spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL (sing): Amen.

Our LORD Speaks to Us

God's Word as Read in: Isaiah 55:6-11

Let us "seek the LORD while He may be found," knowing and sharing His Word, which reveals thoughts much higher than our own, and which will accomplish everything He desires!

ALL Praise (sing): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

God's Word as Read in: Luke 11:5-13

ALL Welcome (sing): Glory be to You, O Lord!

Jesus urges us to be persistent in our prayers, promising that His heavenly Father will answer those prayers in marvelous ways!

ALL Respond (sing): Praise be to You, O Christ!

Our Confession of Faith in the Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.

From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: "Lord, While for All Mankind We Pray"

1. Lord, while for all mankind we pray
Of ev'ry clime and coast,
Oh, hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most!
2. Oh, guard our shores from ev'ry foe,
With peace our borders bless,
With prosp'rous times our cities crown,
Our fields with plenteousness!
3. Lord, bless our leaders with success,
Grant them humility.
May they be willing first to serve.
From greed, please keep them free.
4. Watch o'er the men and women, Lord,
Who keep our country free.
Protect them as they risk their lives
And serve us faithfully.
5. Oh, fill our hearts with gratitude
For all Your blessings, Lord.
Lead us to trust in You, not men,
To rest upon Your Word.

Tune TLH 578

Sermon: Text - 1 Timothy 2:1-6

¹Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man Christ Jesus*, ⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

**PAUL'S INSTRUCTIONS TO
CONCERNED CHRISTIAN CITIZENS...**

- I. Pray for all people!**
- II. Proclaim Christ to all people!**

Mission Project: Grace Ladies Aid is gathering on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement to make 500 “cross” bead necklaces for the overseas missions. We made about 250 necklaces so far. We will gather each Wed. evening in May until all necklaces are made. **ALL are invited to participate even if you are not a member of the Ladies Aid.** Once you know how to make the necklace, the materials may be taken home to help complete this project faster. We **thank the many volunteers** who have already participated!

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Why Go to Church? The truth is that God wishes to bless us through the worship, forgive us, speak comfortably to us, hear and answer our prayers, and present Himself to us in the sacrament.

Adapted from Lutheran Spokesman May 2018 article: “Luther Reforms the Liturgy”

Weekly Calendar

Monday	Pastor gone to Study Club in Pierre SD
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Fellowship Group Grill-Out
Wednesday:	4:00 p.m. Grace Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m. Making Cross Necklaces @ Grace
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Grace Council Meeting
Ascension Day	8:00 p.m. Grace Elders’ Meeting
Friday:	6:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study @ Grace
	10:30 a.m. White River Nursing Home Devotion
	3:15 p.m. Peace Confirmation Class
Saturday	7:00 p.m. Bible Study in White River
Sun. May 13	8:00 a.m. Peace & St. Paul’s WORSHIP in Mission
	8:05 a.m. 940 AM Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study @ Grace
	10:30 a.m. Grace WORSHIP in Valentine